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▶ Famed Calgary wrestler Bret Hart holds up a recent family photo. Researchers have traced his DNA back tens of thousands of years.

Hart's DNA traced to the dawn of time

◗ Genographic project uncovers 'deep ancestry' ◗ Bono, Yo-Yo Ma, Stephen Colbert among other participants

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Long before turnbuckles and body-slams became a way of life, ancestors of Calgary's storied Hart family covered much of the known world. These findings have been brought to life by researchers with National Geographic's Genographic Project, who approached The Hitman himself, Bret Hart, for a DNA sample this month.

"I was very interested," Hart said. "It's not every day you get to learn about these kind of things."

Using cutting-edge science, researchers are able to dig way past traditional genealogy to what is known as "deep ancestry," said project director Dr. Spencer Wells. "If you have traced a family tree, you have gone back several generations, perhaps. But, eventually, you hit a point beyond which you know nothing else... That's really kind of where we take off."

In the case of Hart's DNA, links were found from as long ago as 60,000 years and in places as far-flung as India, Iran and several European countries.

"It pretty much goes back to the beginning of time," Hart said. "It's not something you can easily wrap your head around. It's pretty fascinating stuff."

Deep roots

- **More than 430,000** people from 130 countries have taken part in the Genographic Project. Testing kits can be ordered at genographic.nationalgeographic.com.
- **Bret Hart's DNA** will be the subject of a presentation on Feb. 7 at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

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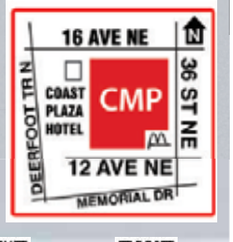

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Distracted-driving fines top 1,400

Calgary police have handed out more than 1,400 fines in the first four months since new distracted-driving legislation took effect. New numbers released Wednesday suggest the majority were $172 for using a hand-held device.

"Our preference would be to not have to write any tickets," said Mike Hagen, a traffic education officer with the police.

Some motorists have been critical of police in recent weeks, claiming not enough is being done to enforce the law, which also bans other activities, such as grooming and reading, behind the wheel.

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Second khat bust at airport

Canada Border Service Agency agents have logged another bust of the drug khat at the Calgary International Airport.

Officers found 295 bundles or almost 60 kilograms of the plant-based stimulant in the checked luggage of a pair flying in from the United Kingdom.

Daoud Ahmed, 50 of Briston, England, and Sadia Muke Osman, 40, of Toronto have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. This is the second seizure of this drug at the Calgary Airport in a matter of weeks. METRO

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▶ Crews continued to work on the Peace Bridge Wednesday, despite hopes by some city officials that the $25-million structure would be open this week.

Peace Bridge opening date remains a mystery

- Alderman, officials had secretly hoped for January unveiling
- Brief cold snap got in way of finishing touches: City official

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It's crossed the Bow River, but Calgarians could still wait months to walk on the Peace Bridge.

Late last year, rumblings among some city officials and alderman had indicated the controversial $25-million span would open in late January; however, no one was willing to offer a firm date given the Santiago Calatrava-inspired development had already been delayed more than a year.

City of Calgary spokesperson Vickie Megrath fingered a two-week cold snap earlier this month as one source of trouble.

"We are shooting for spring," she said. "We always left (the opening date) open because this is a very complex piece of infrastructure. It's the first time we have ever done something like this — single span — here in Calgary."

Initially, logistical issues arose as planners wrapped their heads around Calatrava's elaborate design, something the world-renowned Spanish architect is known for. Then, last spring, shoddy welding work on steel components forced construction to be halted for roughly five months.

Area Ald. Druh Farrell admits building the bridge has been a long road, but she remains optimistic it will be worth it in the end.

"It's a bit frustrating.... It's the details that take extra time," she said. "I just want it to be built well."

Work remains

- The Peace Bridge was officially linked across the Bow River in early November — 13 months after its originally planned opening.
- In December, crews were forced to replace a few pre-fabricated concrete panels after discolouration was discovered, city spokesperson Vickie Megrath said.
- Work still remains in the weeks ahead to pour the concrete bike lane inside the bridge and install some glass railings, Megrath added.

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News in brief

▶ Doug Horner

Tories pitch budget overhaul

The Alberta government plans to open the legislature's spring sitting next week with a bill that would fundamentally restructure how the province's budgets are put together.

Treasury Board president Doug Horner says zero-based budgeting would focus on results and ensure that programs and services were vigorously reassessed every year.

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HIV testing urged after piercer closed

Alberta health officials are urging anyone who received piercings from an unlicensed Calgary practitioner to get tested for hepatitis and HIV.

The operation inside Avon Apna Jewellers in the city's northeast has been shut down.

Dr. Judy MacDonald, the region's medical health officer, says the operator didn't have the equipment to properly sterilize piercing tools.

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Ecstasy fight heads to class

Alberta health experts will be going into classrooms and using Twitter to warn about a deadly drug similar to ecstasy that has been linked to deaths. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police will pick up your drugs

▶ Amnesty not guaranteed, but charges against citizens turning over substances rare ▶ At least nine deaths in Alberta linked to toxic ecstasy compound

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Keeping a stash of drugs? Police want to hear from you.

That was the message from Deputy Chief Kevan Stuart on Wednesday, but he denied reports one day before that the service was considering an amnesty program in light of a rash of recent deaths linked to the toxic ecstasy compound PMMA.

Citizens are discouraged from transporting the drugs themselves to a district office and those reporting substances in the home will be subject to questioning. However, that's typically the end of it, Stuart said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

▶ Calgary police Deputy Chief Kevan Stuart addresses reporters Wednesday in light of several ecstasy-related deaths in the city.

"In my experience, when a family member calls to say there's drugs, there has not been a charge laid," he said.

Rumours swirled earlier this month about certain police forces in British Columbia exploring an amnesty program, but officers speaking to Metro yesterday said such a move would likely violate federal law.

Toxic ecstasy

- People wishing to turn over drugs of any kind are encouraged to contact their nearest police district office.
- PMMA is considered five times more toxic than standard ecstasy compounds, namely MDMA.
- The Calgary police drug unit has said numerous public tips have been offered about possible PMMA suppliers and users. It is believed the drugs are originating in the Lower Mainland area of British Columbia.
- Calgary doctors alone report treating hundreds of ecstasy overdose cases in recent months. At least nine deaths have been linked to the substance and police await test results on two more recent overdose deaths in southern Alberta.

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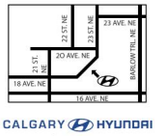

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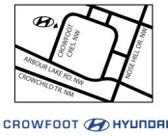

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▶ Central Memorial Park is just one of many that have received maintenance funding through the Enmax Legacy Park Fund.

Aldermen want park fund to stay

Preserving, establishing natural spaces for city's future seen as key ◐ Council minority still pondering

JEREMY NOLAIS
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Eleven aldermen are petitioning to renew a legacy fund that pours roughly $15 million a year into Calgary parks.

But not everyone is fully sold on the idea.

The Enmax Legacy Park Fund was established in 2003, using earnings gained from the publicly owned utility provider to maintain existing parks and help purchase new green spaces, as in the case of Haskayne Park and Ralph Klein Park.

$135M
In all, the Enmax Legacy Park Fund has contributed $135.4 million toward city parks.

The original funding agreement expires this year.

"I think it's a pretty important statement when 11 of us want to put our name on this to bring it forward," said Ald. Brian Pincott, who sits on the Enmax board of directors.

But in a fiscal year marked by cries from the mayor and other aldermen for budget-wide belt-tightening, some council members wonder if the commitment is too rigid.

"I'm not opposed to it, I'm just not sure it should be dedicated to parks and parks only," said Ald. Shane Keating, who originally signed the petition but later asked to have his name removed.

"There may be better ways to spend it."

Pincott said a new funding agreement would also likely see the creation of a reserve fund to counter rises and falls in profits.

Bob Barker badmouths Stampede

A prize giveaway from The Price Is Right — a trip to two to mark the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede — has former host Bob Barker stomping mad.

On Wednesday, the show — now hosted by Drew Carey — awarded a five-day trip for two to the Stampede in July.

But Barker said the Stampede is "notorious for horses falling to their deaths."

"This Calgary Stampede is just an egregious example of inhumane treatment for animals. To give that prize away, I think, is utterly disgusting."

Barker added from his home in Hollywood: "If I had been there, it would never in the world have happened."

This year is the 100th anniversary of what is dubbed the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

The Price Is Right on CBS has been handing out cash and prizes for almost four decades.

Carey took over as host of the popular program in 2007, when Barker retired after 35 years with the show.

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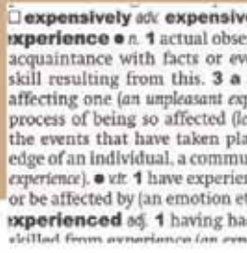
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1999 MURDER

Killer denied day parole

A Calgary woman convicted of killing and dismembering a friend and co-worker in 1999 has been denied her bid for escorted family visits.

Deborah Point, who is currently serving a life sentence for the murder of Audrey Trudeau, is not eligible for day parole until 2016.

Reports say that Point maintains her claims of innocence in the death of Trudeau.

In a two-hour hearing Wednesday at Edmonton Institution for Women, a two-member panel determined it would be too soon to allow Point to visit her family's Calgary home.

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Pants may stop bed sores

A new technology to prevent bed sores in patients confined to a bed or in wheelchairs is being tested in Alberta hospitals.

Smart-e-Pants custom undergarments stimulate the backside muscles of people with spinal-cord injuries or who have had a stroke. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arrests after logging protest

Four people protesting planned logging in a foothills recreation area in southwestern Alberta have been arrested.

Pincher Creek RCMP say two officers went to the site in the Beaver Lake District Wednesday and most of the protesters voluntarily left.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Doc questions prostate initiative

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

▶ Dr. James Dickinson recommends men in their 40s hold off on PSA baseline blood tests.

The Prostate Cancer Centre offers men over 40 PSA baseline blood tests

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At least one Calgary doctor thinks Mayor Naheed Nenshi may be sending the wrong message to men under the age of 55.

Dr. James Dickinson, family physician and instructor of preventive medicine at the University of Calgary, says men under the age of 55 should be worrying more about living a healthy lifestyle instead of having PSA baseline tests to screen for prostate cancer.

Nenshi and a number of other City of Calgary employees underwent the tests to mark the mayor's 40th birthday on Monday.

"Screening too often is dangerous," Dickinson said. "The harm comes if (PSA levels are) raised. That takes people along the escalator of intervention."

Dickinson's main concern is the trauma and potential for over-treatment of a false positive.

Aware of the possibilities of false positives that have been associated with the test, Nenshi conveyed his confidence in Canadian health-care professionals before having his test done.

"Here, if your PSA levels are elevated, the recommendations are to find out more," he said. "And I think finding out more is not ever a bad thing."

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Senator bites back controversial words

Tory Boisvenu apologizes for suugesting killers be given rope so that they could contemplate suicide

A Conservative senator backed away from an unconventional proposal Wednesday for reducing prison costs: Give serial murderers a rope and let them decide whether to hang themselves.

"Basically, every killer should (have) the right to his own rope in his cell. They can decide whether to live," Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu said, referring to people who "had no hope of rehabilitation."

A few hours later, after an outcry from the opposition and a flurry of media interest, Boisvenu issued a statement saying the comment was inappropriate and he withdrew it.

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▶ Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu

The comment about hanging came on the same day an awareness campaign was launched on youth mental health, in memory of young Ottawa suicide victim Daron Richardson. There have also been a number of recent high-profile prison suicides in Quebec.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper distanced himself from the remarks, but said he understood Boisvenu's feelings. Boisvenu became a victims'-rights advocate after his daughter was kidnapped, raped and murdered in 2002. Harper appointed him to the Senate two years ago.

"We all understand that Sen. Boisvenu and his family have suffered horribly in the past and, obviously, I think we understand his emotions in that regard," Harper said during the House of Commons question period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black. History

▶ Two new Canada Post stamps were issued Wednesday to honour two great black Canadians: Viola Desmond and John Ware.

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Postal tributes to Canadian icons

Stamps commemorate Viola Desmond, who sat in the whites-only section of a Nova Scotia theatre. She was forcibly removed, arrested and fined. John Ware was a former U.S. slave who became a pioneer of the ranching industry in Alberta.

Canadian prisoner in Mexico charged

Cynthia Vanier, who is accused of masterminding a plot to bring Moammar Gadhafi's son to Mexico, has been formally charged, Mexican officials confirm.

Three others have also been charged, while an arrest warrant is out for a fifth suspect.

Vanier, a mediator based in Mount Forest, Ont., has been moved to a prison in Chetumal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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F-F-F-Frosty. Europe

▶ An elderly couple brave the bitter cold as they walk alongside the Moscow River on Wednesday. Temperatures in the area fell to -21 C.

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Europe battles cold spell

Rescue helicopters evacuated dozens of people from snow-blocked villages in Serbia and Bosnia, and airlifted in emergency food and medicine as a severe cold spell kept Eastern Europe in its icy grip.

Oil from Concordia cruise ship spreads through Italy's waters

Activists fear leaking fuel will harm marine life Officials identify 17th body

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▶ The grounded cruise ship Costa Concordia lies on its side off the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy.

A thin film of oil spread from the Costa Concordia cruise ship as waves battered the wreckage off Italy's coast Wednesday, adding to fears of an environmental disaster in the area's sensitive, pristine waters. Authorities were trying to assess how serious and extensive the spread was, but said that so far it didn't appear alarming.

Italian authorities also identified a German woman, Siglinde Stumpf, as being among those killed in the Jan. 13 capsizing of the vessel. Stumpf is the 17th person whose body has been identified. Fifteen others are listed as missing.

The search for the missing has been hampered by rough seas, with emergency officials ending the search in the submerged part of the ship due to the danger to rescue workers.

A large crack also appeared Wednesday between two glass panels that formed part of the roof of the massive ship.

The oil film was spreading from a separate part of the ship, apparently the stern.

The ship contains about 500,000 gallons of heavy fuel and other pollutants, and fears have grown that those chemicals could damage an environment that is home to dolphins, whales and other marine life.

Authorities are hoping to pump fuel from the ship, but due to bad weather the effort was being suspended again Wednesday.

Floating barriers placed around the ship to protect the water were lifted by winds, allowing the oily film from the ship to spread throughout the bay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

DAVID ISLOGOULIS

World Vision's Youth Clubs give children a place to have fun and learn, nurturing talents that give them hope for a productive, fulfilling future.

El Salvador is a tiny country – less than half the size of Nova Scotia, with a population about the size of the GTA – but it is one of the most dangerous countries in the Western hemisphere. There were 3,985 violent deaths in El Salvador in 2010, most related to gang activity; that is a higher per-capita number than in Afghanistan.

That's why communities place a high priority on giving their young people tools to build a future. "Our preschool centres are critically important," says Laura Mata, chief of communications for World Vision El Salvador, which works with community groups to create programs to address their most pressing needs. "By giving small children a good educational foundation, they're ready for Grade 1. They're then more likely to be successful and less likely to flunk out or quit later."

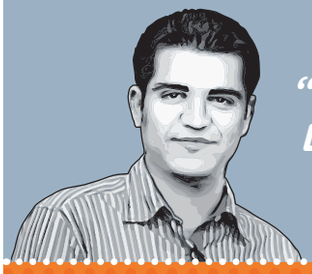
World Vision's Children's Clubs and Youth Clubs not only provide young people with a safe place to socialize, but also give them life skills and vocational training. (In one club, Kevin, 15 was learning to bake bread and fancy pastries; in another, a band of musicians practiced while another group took learned to paint.)

Carlos, who is now 17, remembers the first time he went to a World Vision Communications Club in Tacuba, a small mountain town near the Guatemalan border where local gangs are particularly powerful. "I was 13. Some of my friends had been to the club and done a radio show, and they needed more people. I went. I was very nervous. But it was such a nice experience my [nervousness] vanished."

Before that, Carlos had been playing hookey from school since age 10, had failed 4th grade and fallen in with a sketchy group. At the club, "I got really involved. I realized I had to stop doing the things I'd been doing. I started studying again." Today he leads other teens in the group and works half-days at a local professional radio station while attending high school.

Of course World Vision Canada sponsorships support efforts like nutrition and health care programs in El Salvador. But Laura believes that is just as important to "improve knowledge. You can't change lives by just giving tangible things," she says. "Change comes by giving life skills and vocational skills so that [young people] can be someone in the future."

At the Tacuba Communications Club, says Carlos, "getting into the radio shows is what changed my life."



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UN considers plans as Syrian uprising flares

UN struggles to overcome Russia's opposition to drafting a resolution to end the violence

Syrian troops battled army defectors in a string of towns in the mountains overlooking Damascus on Wednesday in a new assault to crush rebellious areas around the capital, activists said.

The battles in a mountain valley came after regime forces succeeded in largely retaking control of suburbs on the eastern side of the city in an offensive the past week that fueled some of the bloodiest days of the nearly 11-month-old uprising. More than 30 people were killed around the country Wednesday, activists said.

Activists say President Bashar Assad's forces have intensified their crackdown in hopes of silencing protesters and the army dissidents who have joined them as the United Nations Security Council debates a draft resolution demanding that Assad step down.

LOCAL COORDINATION COMMITTEES IN SYRIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Anti-Syrian regime protesters hold a caricature of Syrian President Bashar Assad's father during a demonstration.

On Tuesday, Western powers and Arab countries at the U.N. sought to overcome Russia's opposition to the measure. Addressing the Security Council, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton tried to allay Moscow's concerns that the resolution could open the door to eventual military intervention in Syria, as took place in Libya last year.

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Soccer. Clash

▶ Players from the Egyptian Al-Ahly club run for safety during clashes following their soccer match against Al-Masry at the soccer stadium in Port Said, Egypt, Wednesday. Dozens of Egyptians were killed in the riot.

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Deadly soccer riot resembled 'war'

At least 74 people were killed and hundreds injured when soccer fans rushed the field following an upset victory by the home team, Al-Masry, over its top club, Al-Ahly, setting off clashes and a stampede as riot police largely failed to intervene.

Ferry sinks off Papua New Guinea

Rescue crews were working to save people from the water off Papua New Guinea's northeast coast after a ferry sank Thursday with as many as 350 people on board, officials said.

The MV Rabaul Queen went down when travelling between the coastal towns of Lae and Kimbe after it sent a distress signal, authorities said.

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Mitt Romney charges ahead

Half of Florida primary voters said most important factor for them was a candidate who could defeat Obama

Mitt Romney clobbered Newt Gingrich by 14 percentage points in Florida's Republican primary vote and moves on to the next state, Nevada, with a fat campaign bankroll and a renewed sense that he is the inevitable challenger to President Barack Obama in November.

Romney spoke as though he was the presumptive nominee Tuesday night, declaring himself ready "to lead this party and our nation."

"Mr. President, you were elected to lead, you chose to follow, and now it's time to get out of the way," he said.

Obama's campaign issued a fundraising appeal Wednesday focused on the millions that Romney and his supporters have poured into negative ads.

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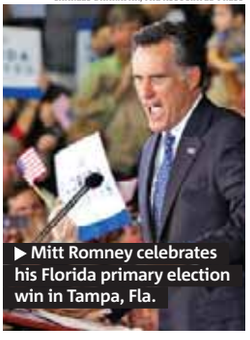

▶ Mitt Romney celebrates his Florida primary election win in Tampa, Fla.

"That's ugly, and it tells us a lot about what to expect from Romney if he wins the Republican nomination," said campaign manager Jim Messina. "They're going to try to spend and smear their way to the White House."

With Obama vulnerable in his bid for a second White House term because of the slow U.S. economic recovery, about half of Florida primary voters said the most important factor for them was a candidate who could defeat the president, according to exit poll results conducted for The Associated Press and television networks.

Florida was one of the hardest hit states after the collapse of the U.S. housing market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What. Winter?

▶ Hundreds of cars are stranded on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago on Feb. 2, 2011, top, while traffic moves smoothly on the same stretch of road on Wednesday.

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A change in the weather

This time last year, Chicago was covered in snow, following a winter blizzard of historic proportions, stranding hundreds of drivers for up to 12 hours overnight on the city's main thoroughfare and giving many city schoolchildren their first-ever snow day.

Aussie bus workers net big bonus

Employees of an Australian bus company have been given a $15-million AU share of the proceeds of the sale of the business as a thank-you for their loyalty, the Herald Sun newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The 1,800 staff at Melbourne-based Grenda Corp. have received bonuses averaging more than $8,300 AU and as much as $30,000 after the Grenda family sold the 66-year-old business for $400 million, the Herald Sun newspaper reported.

Chief executive Geoff Grenda described the gratitude of staff — one of whom had been with the company for 52 years — as "overwhelming."

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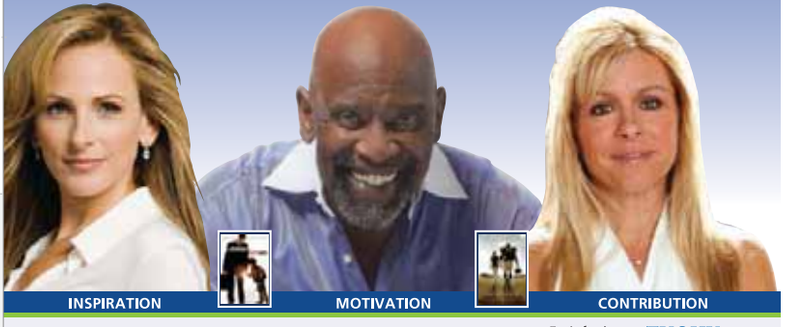

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Public pensions prevent poverty: Research

- PM says OAS/GIC pension system needs overhaul
- Collection age could rise from 65 to 67 to cut costs

Research prepared for the federal government in 2009 shows that the old-age benefits cited by Stephen Harper as perhaps unsustainable are a key factor keeping seniors out of poverty.

The paper, titled Evaluation of the Old Age Security Program, shows that without Old Age Security or the Guaranteed Income Supplement, more than one-third of women and more than one-quarter of men in their 60s would fall below the poverty line. "The OAS programs have a significant influence on the incidence of low income," the report's author, Richard Shillington, wrote.

The benefits are most important in the Maritimes and the North. "The OAS/GIS makes a huge contribution to the reduction of poverty in old age," said Andrew Jackson, chief economic for the labour congress.

Harper said last week that the public pension system is fiscally unsustainable, with costs expected to rise to $108 billion in 2030 from $41 billion this year.

Cutting costs will likely include raising the collection age. The presumption, Jackson said, is that people will work for an extra two years. "That is possible for some, but many older workers in their 60s are in ill health or are engaged in providing care for others." THE CANADIAN PRESS

OAS/GIC stats

- **About 98 per cent** of Canadians are eligible for OAS when they turn 65. To get the GIS top-up for low-income seniors, they must first qualify for OAS.
- **Research shows** that OAS and GIS improve an average senior's standard of living by about $7,000 a year.
- **For seniors with "modest" incomes,** OAS and GIS account for 70 per cent of their incomes.

Name. Game

▶ A Target Apparel store is shown in the Rainbow Centre in Sudbury last January.

GINO DONATO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nothing fair-weather for Target

American chain Target Corp. has reached a deal with Fairweather Ltd. under which the Canadian fashion retailer has agreed to stop using the Target name.

Facebook's IPO pokes Wall Street's elite

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▶ Facebook is going public after eight years.

Facebook made a much-anticipated status update Wednesday: The Internet social network is going public eight years after its computer-hacking CEO Mark Zuckerberg started the service at Harvard University.

That means anyone with the right amount of cash will be able to own part of a Silicon Valley icon that quickly transformed from dorm-room startup to cultural touchstone.

If its initial public offering makes enough friends on Wall Street, Facebook will probably make its stock-market debut in three or four months as one of the world's most valuable companies. In its regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Facebook Inc. said it hopes to raise $5 billion US.

That would be the most for an Internet IPO since Google Inc. and its early backers raised $1.9 billion in 2004. The final amount will likely change as Facebook's bankers gauge the investor demand.

Joining corporate America's elite would give Facebook newfound financial clout as it tries to become even more pervasive. It also could help Facebook fend off the challenge from Google, which is looking to solidify its status as the Internet's most powerful company with a rival social network called Plus.

The IPO filing casts a spotlight on some of Facebook's inner workings for the first time, revealing its revenue, major shareholders, growth opportunities and concerns about its biggest competitive threats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadian car sales accelerate with new year

Automakers saw strong Canadian sales in the opening month of 2012 with many reporting double-digit growth from a year ago.

Overall sales grew 15.4 per cent to 97,497 vehicles last month, according to data released Wednesday from the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada.

This is attributed to low interest rates, buyers searching for better fuel efficiency, and those looking to replace older vehicles.

Chrysler Canada had its best January in a decade, Ford lost its spot as Canada's top seller but gained traction and Toyota sales jumped. Ford Canada sales also grew, by five per cent, to 14,978 vehicles, compared with 14,324 in January 2011.

One sour spot was at General Motors, where sales dropped 10 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada leaning less on U.S.: TD

The Canadian economy appears to be on a long-term trend toward less dependence on the United States, according to a new study by TD Economics.

The study, released Wednesday, found that Canada's economic reliance on the U.S. in terms of share of exports and GDP has dropped steadily over the past decade. For example, exports to the U.S. directly contributed an annual average of 0.5 percentage points to nominal GDP growth over the last decade. That was well below an average annual contribution of 2.3 percentage points during the 1980s and 1990s.

TD Economics says a rebound in U.S. economic growth should boost Canadian exports south of the border over the next few years.

But over the long term, the bank said Canada's economic prosperity will increasingly be driven by trade with other non-U.S. economies. That will reinforce the trend in recent years, where Canadian economic power is shifting more and more from Central Canada to the energy and resource-rich western provinces.

The export shift also likely means job growth in Canada will come mainly from the energy, mining and other resource industries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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AltaGas aims high with natural gas

AltaGas Ltd. is buying natural gas businesses in Alaska and Michigan in a deal worth more than $1.1 billion US, as part of the Alberta-based company's plan to become a leading player in the North American energy infrastructure sector.

The Calgary-based gas processor and pipeline operator will make the acquisitions by buying SEMCO Energy of Port Huron, Mich., from Continental Energy Systems LLC.

SEMCO owns a regulated natural gas distribution company in Alaska through Enstar Natural Gas and part ownership of a gas-storage terminal being built in Alaska. AltaGas said the acquisition will add 570 employees in Alaska and Michigan. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Last-ditch effort for Assange in U.K. court

WikiLeaks founder wanted in Sweden for alleged sex crimes Warrant flouts age-old legal tradition: Lawyers

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▶ WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is making a final effort at Britain's Supreme Court to avoid his extradition to Sweden to face sex crimes allegations.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has launched a final attempt to persuade British officials not to force him to go to Sweden to face sex-crimes allegations.

A lawyer for the 40-year-old Australian told Britain's highest court Wednesday that age-old legal tradition would be compromised if it endorsed a European Arrest Warrant written up by Swedish prosecutors.

The Supreme Court hearing is the latest chapter in Assange's months-long fight against allegations of molestation and rape lodged by two women he met during a trip to Sweden in 2010, just as his website grabbed worldwide attention with its leaks of sensitive U.S. government documents.

Assange denies the allegations, arguing that the sex was consensual, and has refused to return to Sweden, saying he fears the case against him is being manipulated to political ends.

Although Assange's saga has been shot through with international diplomacy, cyberactivism and scandal, the case hinges on a dry technicality: Whether Sweden's public prosecutor was qualified to issue a warrant for Assange's arrest.

In Britain as in the United States, generally only judges can issue arrest warrants, and U.K. courts only honour European arrest warrants issued by what they describe as judicial authorities.

So far British courts have upheld the Swedish warrant on the grounds that prosecutors there, like elsewhere in Europe, play a quasi-judicial role.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suncor head dismisses high costs, delays

The head of Suncor Energy Inc. is downplaying two concerns that have hung over oilsands producers recently: rising costs and delays for projects that would bring Alberta crude to new markets.

Chief executive officer Rick George said Wednesday he doesn't expect the cost of its Fort Hills oilsands mine to be nearly as high as a project that competitor Imperial Oil Ltd. is building.

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WINTER, WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER?

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Dear Winter:

Please come back. I miss you.

It was cute at first, you disappearing. I thought it was for effect, maybe. You just wanted to wait till the best moment, then, surprise! You'd show yourself when we least expected it. You flake, you.

But another week slid by.

Then I thought maybe you were making fun of all those weatherpeople who predicted a deep freeze. Stupid "mediarologists" and their TV-ready descriptions of complex systems. ("After the break, we'll tell you about tomorrow's Sleet Quasar!")

You showed them, I thought. But, then, still no sign of you.

Most recently, I thought maybe you wanted to make a point about other disappearances — manufacturing jobs, polar bears, the Toronto Maple Leafs at playoff time. These are good, important points to make. But, if that was your intention, your point has been made.

Where are you? You snapped in Edmonton a couple times, and blew through the Maritimes this week, but that's been pretty much it.

Let's have some Real Talk, OK? You're being selfish.

If you won't think of us, won't you think of the children? You're denying kids important life lessons they only learn when you're around. Like, when I was young, I learned that sledding had an elaborate social pecking order, from the kid who owned a GT Snowracer (King of the Hill) to the kid with the Crazy Carpet that was always reverting to its Fruit Roll-Up shape (Lowly Serf).

You provided me some of my only adventures growing up. In New Brunswick, we didn't have any of the most common natural disasters — hurricanes, earthquakes, Bryan Adams concerts. The only Discovery Channel doc you'd ever see filmed in my hometown is Fog Chasers.

So, craving excitement, I had to get by with delivering newspapers in blizzards or playing street hockey in -15 C weather. It's perhaps sad that I've never felt more alive.

If this is what it takes to get you back, let me say this: I'm sorry. I'm sorry I took you for granted.

You were harsh, but I realize now it was necessary. A playful pinch to the cheeks or even a cold slap is a welcome respite from the limp handshake of the muddy impostor that has taken your place.

I miss making the first scritch-scritch footprints in a park of untouched snow. I miss Arctic fog rising off the water on a frigid day. I miss your cold embrace.

The place just isn't the same without you, Winter. Come back: my Crazy Carpet is always unrolled for you.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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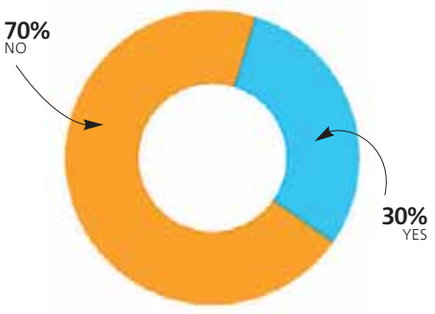
Have you ever been a victim of cyber-bullying?



Local tweets

- **@greyandnavy:** Common courtesy is dead in this city #yyc
- **@daxjustin:** Anyone having a good day out there? You should be. And remember, it's never too late to start the day over. #YYC
- **@ktemond:** Love the +15 etiquette in #yyc with strangers you see every day. Handsome ginger just held 4 doors open for me bc he knows my route.
- **@kan_:** whoah wtf . . . the fall bridge gets another delay? who'd' of guessed that was gonna happen #yyc
- **@kimsheppardsn:** I can't believe this fabulous weather! #imgiddy #yyc
- **@missgasparetto:** Facebook Timeline suggests that I was born, I joined Facebook shortly after and then started working. Way to minimalize my life #yyc
- **@annemaccat:** You can use Twitter all you want to spread news about #PoisonEcstasy. What if the people who need to know the most aren't on Twitter? #yyc

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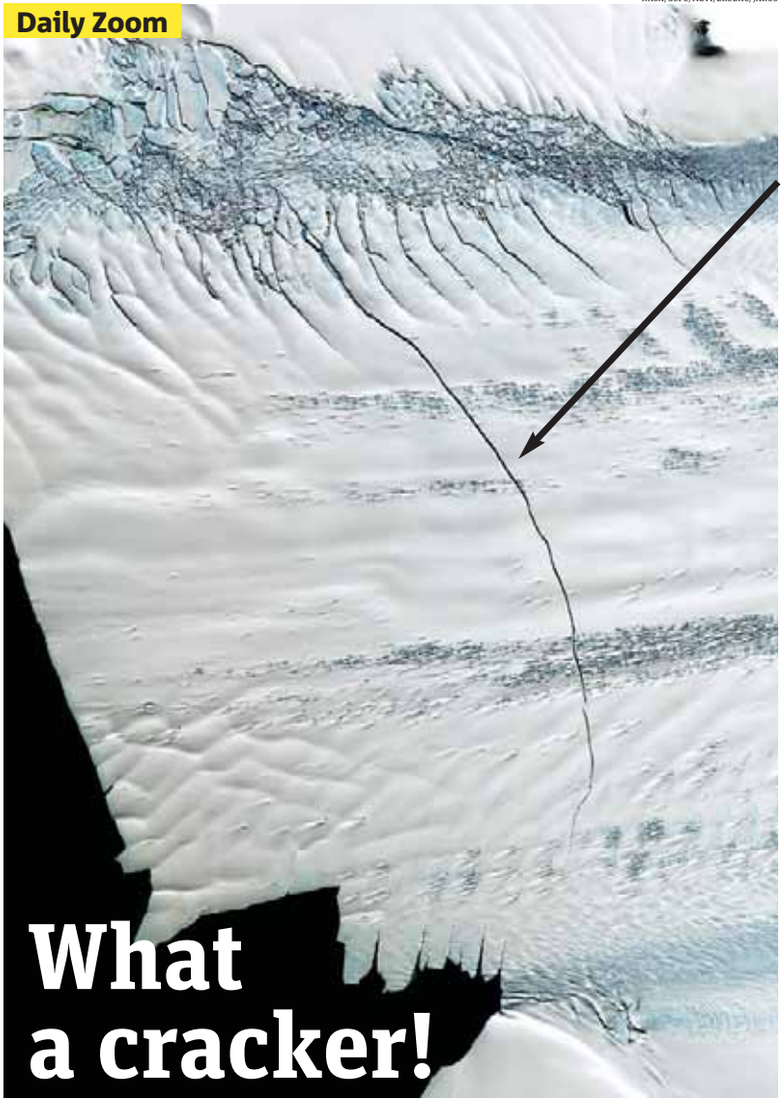

What a cracker!

Crevice cuts ice from the North

ANTARCTICA. Nay, nay, it's not a scratch — it's a 30-kilometre-long crack that will carve an iceberg the size of New York City!

NASA has spotted a deep crevice on Pine Island Glacier, an ice stream that drains the West Antarctic Ice Sheet.

The image, taken in November 2011 but only released Wednesday, shows the crack's growth. MWN

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The ice crack is 80 metres wide and 60 metres deep. Measurements suggest the ice shelf in the region is about 500 metres thick, with only about 50 metres of that floating above water.

Pine Island

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- Experts last year discovered warm currents are eroding ice from below, twice as fast as previously thought.

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New Jersey

Hoboken, New Jersey, has denied a request for a spin-off of MTV's Jersey Shore reality show to film in the city. It is to star Nicole Snooki Polizzi and Jenni JWoww Farley.

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Neil Young: Steve Jobs listened to vinyl because of higher fidelity

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LISA WILTON
METRO CALGARY

Culturally and artistically speaking, downtown Calgary is one of the most vibrant, diverse and sophisticated centres in the country.

We all know — at least we all should know — about the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts, home to the aurally sublime Jack Singer Concert Hall, as well as such esteemed theatre companies as Alberta Theatre Projects, Theatre Calgary and One Yellow Rabbit.

The Art Gallery of Calgary, Stride and the Museum of Contemporary Art are a few of the city's better-known galleries, and the Glenbow Museum has been a cultural staple for 45 years.

You may be surprised to learn, however, there are actually more than 40 culturally significant locations in the core.

And Mark MacGillivray can tell you about every one of them.

MacGillivray guides full-fledged arts enthusiasts and the simply curious to many of these spots during his monthly Art Walk, held in conjunction with the Calgary Cultural District's popular First Thursday festival.

Details

Art Walk participants meet at 5 p.m. at the Auburn Saloon on Feb. 2.

Free The tour is free, but bring money to buy snacks, purchase small pieces of art or music venue cover charge.

He tries to make the tour an 'art adventure' by keeping the destinations secret, but past Art Walk events have included backstage theatre tours, audio/visual installations at EMMedia and open houses at Cantos Music Foundation and the Arrata Opera Centre.

"There's always something going on and it's always different each month," MacGillivray explains.

"I find out what's happening and I link it together in a tour."

The walk starts at 5 p.m. from the Auburn Saloon (163 – 9 Ave. S.E.) and runs roughly four hours, depending on the number of stops and the time spent in each location.

"Afterwards, we usually go somewhere to listen to jazz or some other place that's holding a musical event," he says.

MacGillivray has been running the popular monthly tour since 2010 after hosting similar private walks for his friends.

"I love the cultural scene in Calgary," he says.

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Men, watch for it

DC Comics announcing it will release a prequel series to the popular graphic novel the Watchmen ◐ Creator Alan Moore not involved in series

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A seven-part prequel series to Watchmen, one of the most popular graphic novels of all time, will appear this summer, according to DC Entertainment, publishers of DC Comics.

The news is sure to excite fanboys, but also disgust some: Original Watchmen creator Alan Moore, who has long feuded with DC, is not involved with the new series and none too happy about their decision.

Instead, a pack of other star talents, including J. Michael Straczynski (The Amazing Spider-Man) and Darwyn Cooke (Catwoman), will write installments, each centering around a different character.

"It's our responsibility as publishers to find new ways to keep all of our characters relevant," said DC Entertainment co-publishers Dan DiDio and Jim Lee.

"After 25 years, the Watchmen are classic characters whose time has come for new stories to be told. We sought out the best writers and artists in the industry to build on the complex mythology of the original."

The original, published in 1986 and 1987, followed a defunct batch of superheroes brought back together after the death of a colleague.

But as PhD candidates can tell you, it's also a deep reflection on post-war American anxiety and paranoia.

Time Magazine named it one of the best 100 novels of all time.

Moore, meanwhile, lives in England, and continues to write — just not for DC.

"Completely shameless," he called the prequels.

Watch for it

Looking ahead, John Higgins, who illustrates the novels, said that even though the Watchmen has become a touchstone for comics and graphic novels, the new series can expand on its mythology.

John Higgins: "The challenge is to make the stories modern and relevant to 2012 and to show what can be done with respect and consideration for the source material that has inspired so many people over the years. By adding to the mythos and not to detract from it. The Watchmen had such an influence on graphic storytelling since it first appeared and is a timeless classic. If we can create a new set of stories that can be enjoyed 25 years on, that would be an achievement and a reward in itself."

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Calzone not in the oven for Snooki Translation: Pregnancy rumour is false

For a few brief, terrifying moments yesterday, we feared Snooki was pregnant.

It all started with an ugly, horrible, breakfast-ruining rumour from RadarOnline.

"She's been telling people that she has a big announcement coming," a source told the site, adding that boyfriend Jionni LaValle had been sharing the news with close family and friends.

While a photo search mercifully didn't reveal a Snooki bump, it did fail to turn up the expected number of drunk duck faces.

Finally, she made an appearance on Opie & Anthony to set the record straight: There will be no spawn of Snooki.

"Why are people calling me fat?" she wondered. "That's so rude!"

It is rude, Snooks. It is rude and we won't stand for it. METRO MONICA WEYMOUTH

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Snooki

Celebrity tweets

@JessicaSimpson

Woke up looking like the lip injection fairy visited me in the night! Is this how pregnancy face begins?! Yikes!

@joshgroban

Newt's moon colony will cost us nothing. It will be paid for with moon money printed at a moon mint by a to-be-appointed moon treasurer.

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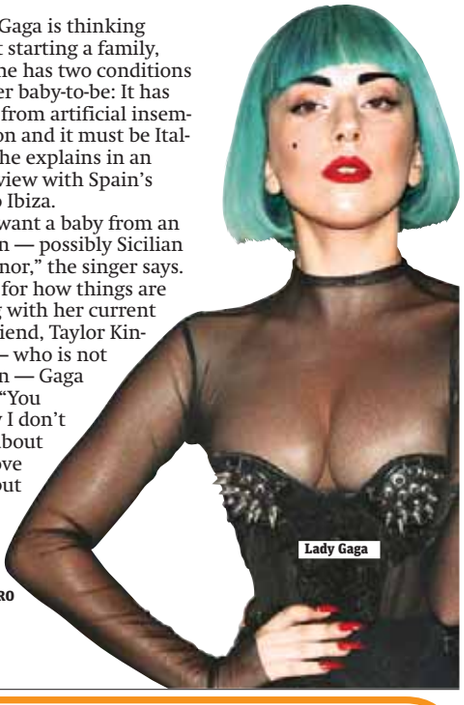
We have 56 calves on the ground- SO cute- ya just wanna hug them all!

Note: Baby Gaga must be Italian

Lady Gaga is thinking about starting a family, but she has two conditions for her baby-to-be: It has to be from artificial insemination and it must be Italian, she explains in an interview with Spain's Radio Ibiza.

"I want a baby from an Italian — possibly Sicilian — donor," the singer says.

As for how things are going with her current boyfriend, Taylor Kinney — who is not Italian — Gaga says, "You know I don't talk about my love life, but I'm very happy." METRO


Lady Gaga

Leslie Carter

Carter sister dies

Leslie Carter — younger sister of Backstreet Boys' Nick Carter and a star of House of Carters — died Tuesday in New York. No details have been released regarding the cause of death.

"Our family is grieving right now and it's a private matter. We are deeply saddened for the loss of our beloved sister, daughter, and granddaughter, Leslie Carter. We request the utmost privacy during this difficult time," her family said in a statement. METRO

Soul Train host Don Cornelius dead in apparent suicide

Soul Train producer and host Don Cornelius was found dead in his Los Angeles home early yesterday morning from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Cornelius created the show in 1970, and hosted it until 1993.

"He was a true television visionary and his contributions to African American culture, music, and entertainment are incomparable. The outpouring of affection and tributes to his legacy are a true testament to the profound impact that his life's work had on many generations," said Kenard Gibbs, CEO of Soul Train Holdings, in a statement. METRO

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- The popularity of the wide-brimmed has been bubbling on the runway for a while now
- But this winter, hats from nearly all decades have become a full-blown trend
- Here are some of our favourites

Return of the hat
(you knew it would be back)

▶ Alexandra Davenport, a student in London, pulls off the hat with aplomb.

1 AUBERGINE BORSALINO

▶ $492, lockhatters.co.uk

2 SPORTMAX FEDORA

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3 PAUL SMITH FEDORA

▶ $215, paulsmith.co.uk

4 EUGENIA KIM GABRIELLA RABBIT FELT FEDORA

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Oscar contenders?

The most award show worthy dresses from ss12 couture week:

Armani Privé

A strapless universally flattering shape + a shimmery bandage effect = Best Dressed List Bait. Take note Jessica.

Chanel

The whimsical, fashion-forward girliness is just right for one of the more adventurous 'Hollywood Young Things' (we're talking about you, Emma Stone.)

Gambattista Valli

It's black, edgy and mysterious with sheer panels and cut-outs. A total Rooney Mara kind of dress.

Toronto Fashion Week gets new name as World MasterCard becomes sponsor.

A ruggedly handsome space

Home decor expert Karl Lohnes lays down the rules for choosing an area rug

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Q: I have laminate wood floors throughout my small condo and would like to add an area rug to the living room, which is 10 by 14 feet. What size should I choose and what style won't make it feel cramped?
T. Fulham, Winnipeg

A. Area rugs not only help to link living room furnishings together, but to define spaces that are open to one another as well.

The biggest mistakes people make when choosing an area rug is that they buy the wrong size (often too small), and they choose a look that doesn't belong with anything else in the room.

The simplest way to determine the right sized area rug in a living area is to measure the width of the room then subtract two or three feet; this will give you the width of the rug needed. For instance, if your room is 10-feet wide you will need an eight-foot wide rug.

Area rugs come in predetermined sizes; an eight-foot wide rug will be about 10-feet long. That is the size that suits your living area.

Best style of carpet

If you have printed fabrics on your furnishings or draperies then go with a discretely patterned or solid-coloured rug.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ The right area rug can help define spaces that are open to one another.

If furnishings are upholstered in plain fabrics, then a patterned rug can help add pizzazz to the overall decor scheme.

Another idea is to take inspiration from artwork that you might have collected. For example, if you like watercolour paintings, then choose a rug that has soft, airy colours and patterns. If you collect black-and-white photography, then a solid, neutral-coloured rug will work nicely in the room.

If your room is feeling cramped with furnishings, then choose a colour of rug that is very similar to the colour of the wood flooring; this will give you the cosiness of the rug but visually will not chop up the space by adding yet another element.

How much to spend

An eight-by-10 foot area rug can cost from $200 to $5,000, depending on the quality. I always suggest spending between one to two times the price of the sofa. It's an easy way to gage the quality and value needed so the rug works with the rest of the room.

How will it wear?

- **Synthetic fibres** are durable for busy lived-in rooms and can take on the look of elegant wool and silk.
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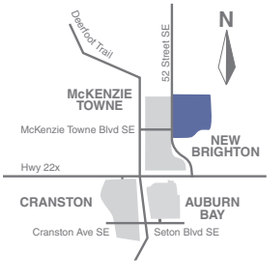

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Ready to be a winter warrior?

Snow in an average shovelful can weigh nearly 30 pounds And twisting to throw a load is hard on the back

DIY IDEAS

Although many areas have been relatively snow-free this winter, snow removal woes are just one storm away.

So here are some strategies, and the latest tools.

First, have a plan before the flakes start falling. If you're not physically up to shovelling, arrange for a plowing service or enlist some kids to at least do your walkways; many communities mandate that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a storm.

If you are taking on the snow yourself, take it easy.

Warm up, start slow and cover your mouth if the air is very cold, according to Dr. Grace Cater, a cardiologist in Cleveland. "Snow shovelling can be more strenuous than exercising full throttle on a treadmill," Cater says on MetroHealth's Heart and Vascular Center's webpage.

Bill Foster, who for 40 years has shovelled his own and neighbours' snowy sidewalks and driveways in the western Chicago suburbs, says common sense can make the job easier.

"The biggest mistake people make is starting with the easy stuff," Foster says.

"When you're freshest and strongest, start at the end of the driveway where the plow dumps all the heavy road snow."

A few more tips for keeping things manageable, from Good Housekeeping magazine:

1. Don't put your back into it: Use your leg and thigh muscles instead, and push more snow than you lift.

2. Layer up: No heavy down coats for this job — it's better to dress in layers you can remove as you work. Make sure caps or masks don't impede your ability to see cars, icy spots, or people. You don't want to whack someone with your shovel.

3. Drink up: Water keeps you hydrated as you work.

4. Stop when you need to, and take breaks every 15 minutes or sooner: Make sure family members and friends know you're out there.

Foster recommends cutting the driveway down the middle so you are shovelling smaller passes out to the sides from the centre line.

"And never wait till the snow stops falling," he says. "I'd go out two or three times during a storm to stay ahead of it all."

Popular Mechanics writer Roy Berendsohn advises clearing the car off thoroughly before starting on the driveway. He also recommends keeping a stiff brush and some oil handy to remove buildup on snow-blower blades. Make sure paths are clear of newspapers, dog toys, rocks and electrical cords before you fire yours up.

Also, decide where the snow's going to go before you start. Starting to shovel from the house out to the perimeter of the property is inefficient. Drop the first load far enough away from where you start so that you'll have room for piles as you work your way back to your starting position. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Garden-variety snow shovels have been doing the snow removal job for hundreds of years, but many of today's tools can make it easier.

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Delicious flavour of simplicity

This rib roast with roasted veggies and shallot-merlot gravy makes for an elegant meal

THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Perfect for a dinner party, this meal serves 24.

Make a special meal for your next dinner party with this rib roast, roasted veggies and a flavourful gravy made with shallots and merlot wine. Be sure to serve the wine alongside for a perfect match.

Preparation:

1. In large roasting pan, arrange onions, carrots, celery, garlic, thyme and rosemary in even layer.
2. Season rib roast all over with salt and pepper. Place roast on top of vegetables in roasting pan. Roast in 245 C (475 F) oven 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 160 C (325 F). Roast for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until roast reads 55 C (130 F) at the centre for medium or 50 C (120 F) for medium-rare.
3. Transfer roast to a serving platter and cover with foil and keep warm. Set aside roasting pan.
4. Roasted Root Vegetables: In a large bowl, toss carrots, parsnips, beets and potatoes with oil, rosemary, salt and pepper. Spread evenly on 2 large rimmed baking sheets. When roast comes out of oven, raise temperature to 200 C (400 F). Roast vegetables, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until tender and browned.
5. Shallot Merlot Gravy: Place roasting pan over medium-high heat. Add wine to reserved roasting pan juices and scrape up any browned bits from bottom of pan.
6. Using a slotted spoon, remove and discard any solids from pan. Add shallots, thyme, and 500 ml (2 cups) of the beef broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for 3 minutes.
7. In bowl, whisk remaining beef broth and flour. While stirring , add this mixture to roasting pan. Cook while stirring for 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve roasted vegetables and gravy alongside roast.

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Ingredients:

- 4 onions, quartered
- 4 each large carrots and celery stalks, cut into large pieces
- 1 head garlic, broken into cloves and peeled
- 4 sprigs each fresh thyme and rosemary
- 1 bone-in rib roast (5.5 to 6.3 kg/12 to 14 lb)
- Salt and black pepper

Roasted Root Vegetables

- 1 kg (2 lb) each carrots, parsnips, beets, and Yukon gold potatoes cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) vegetable or canola oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 10 ml (2 tsp) salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

Shallot-Merlot Gravy

- 250 ml (1 cup) Merlot wine
- 2 shallots, finely diced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced fresh thyme
- 750 ml (3 cups) beef broth
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- Salt and black pepper

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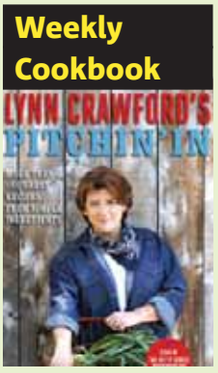

Pitchin' In chronicles Food Network celebrity chef Lynn Crawford's road trip across North America, describing the people she meets, the land, and of course, the food.

She travels from Vancouver Island to haul the best Dungeness crab available to Perth County, Ont., famous for some of the best pork in Canada, and beyond to places such as Kansas, Florida and Texas. Crawford shares more than 100 amazing and simple recipes from her adventures.

These eats include Potato-Crusted Halibut, Cider-Glazed Pork Chops, Crispy Calamari Salad, Veal Chop with Citrus Salad, Honey Butter Roasted Scallops, and Lamb Shepherd's Pie. The chef doesn't forget that any good meal ends with dessert. Among the ones in Pitchin' In are Pecan Blueberry Cobbler and Red Velvet Cupcakes.

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Wings loss paints ugly picture

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Watching the Calgary Flames lately, I'm reminded of Shooter's famous line from the movie Hoosiers: "Don't get caught watching the paint dry."

The Flames are guilty of this in a number of ways. The most recent example is seeing defenceman Chris Butler blow another assignment, then watch as the trailer moves in to score the winning goal in the loss to Detroit. Then there's Mikael Backlund, another paint watcher on that goal and the winner in a 1-0 loss to San Jose two games ago.

Two home losses in a row took away from the successful three-game road trip in which the Flames gained five points. But these two examples are but a microcosm of a Flames season spent mostly spectating drying paint.

Credit must go to general manager Jay Feaster for maintaining key assets at hometown discounts and for bringing in new and younger blood in the offseason and through the first half of the season. So why is none of this working with any consistency? Why are the Flames, with a lineup well-stocked, with proven scorers, not gaining any traction on the scoresheet?

Maybe it has something to do with the system the team is playing. This is Year 3 of coach Brent Sutter's defence-oriented approach and it's still not sinking in or making a difference in the win column.

Yes, we know in theory offence can be generated from working hard defensively and causing turnovers, but Calgary is 27th in goals scored.

From where I sit, it's looking more and more like the Flames will also get caught watching the paint dry this season when it comes to coaching. The team and management have remained loyal to Sutter, endorsing him and his approach.

So what does management think when it sees Western Conference rivals St. Louis, Los Angeles and Anaheim all make coaching changes after horrible starts, then surge in the standings? Does management want to make a fifth-inning decision and go to a Randy Carlyle or Marc Crawford, two available coaches with Stanley Cup credentials?

I'd like to see what this veteran lineup can do with another man at the helm with a new blueprint. Very few coaches have survived three consecutive seasons out of the playoffs, so why the affinity towards Sutter? It's time to save the season and stop watching the paint dry.

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▶ Detroit's Jiri Hudler celebrates his game-winning goal in Calgary on Tuesday night.

Brewers outfielder takes to the ice with Sharks

On his fourth attempt during a hockey breakaway drill, Nyjer Morgan shot the puck past Sharks goalie Thomas Greiss to score in the bottom right corner of the net. Greiss did the Milwaukee Brewers outfielder a favour and let it go in, with Morgan later thanking him with a firm pat to the chest pad.

A giddy Morgan cheered, thrust his stick in the air and became a bit wobbly on the ice before recovering.

When asked about it after his outing Wednesday, he became defensive.

"But how many athletes do you know who can just jump on the ice and do what I just did? Exactly," Morgan said. "Pretty cool, huh? It's been many moons, it's been a lot of years, yeah. And I've still got it, you see that?"

At last, the diehard San Jose fan and former hockey player got the chance to practise with the team he loves.

"Tony Plush," as he refers to himself, stepped out for the first time 36 minutes into the hour-long session sporting a Sharks jersey with "Plush" on back.

Morgan's first three shots on goal were easily stopped by Greiss, who eased up on the last attempt.

"He just came down with a nice shot and put it in," Greiss said. "He skates really well. He's said he likes to get on his skates and have fun. You could see that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First love

Morgan grew up playing hockey and appeared in seven games with the Regina Pats.

▶ Nyjer Morgan, right, shakes hands with former San Jose Sharks player Mike Ricci.

4 sports

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"I presented Pacquiao with the fight. Pacquiao is blowing a lot of smoke. ... He doesn't really want to fight."

FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR., WHO WILL FIGHT MIGUEL COTTO ON MAY 5 AT LAS VEGAS' MGM GRAND GARDEN AFTER NEVADA'S ATHLETIC COMMISSIONERS GRANTED HIM A CONDITIONAL LICENCE FOR ONE FIGHT BEFORE HE GOES TO JAIL IN JUNE. MAYWEATHER CHOSE COTTO AS HIS NEXT OPPONENT ONLY AFTER FAILING TO LAND A DATE WITH PACQUIAO, THE SUPERSTAR FILIPINO CONGRESSMAN.

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d-Washington	49	26	19	2	2	139	141	56	18-6-0-1	8-13-2-1	5-3-2-0	L1
Philadelphia	49	29	14	2	4	163	144	64	11-7-1-3	18-7-1-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Pittsburgh	51	29	18	2	2	157	132	62	15-7-2-0	14-11-0-2	8-2-0-0	L1
Ottawa	53	27	20	4	2	160	164	60	14-9-0-1	13-11-4-1	5-5-0-0	L4
Toronto	51	26	19	3	3	156	152	58	15-8-2-2	11-11-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
New Jersey	49	27	19	1	2	133	139	57	13-9-0-2	14-10-1-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Florida	48	22	15	5	6	122	136	55	11-5-1-6	11-10-4-0	3-3-2-2	L1
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Nashville	51	31	16	3	1	145	131	66	16-7-2-1	15-9-1-0	9-1-0-0	W5
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Chicago	51	29	15	4	3	164	147	65	19-6-1-3	10-9-3-0	5-2-3-0	L3
Los Angeles	50	24	16	4	6	111	111	58	14-11-0-4	10-5-4-2	5-2-1-2	W1
Minnesota	50	24	19	2	5	119	131	55	13-7-1-2	11-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	L1
Colorado	52	26	24	2	0	133	147	54	14-12-0-0	12-12-2-0	3-6-1-0	L3
Dallas	48	25	21	0	2	126	136	52	14-9-0-2	11-12-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Calgary	51	23	22	3	3	121	140	52	13-8-1-1	10-14-2-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Phoenix	51	22	21	3	5	131	138	52	10-10-2-2	12-11-1-3	3-5-0-2	L1
Anaheim	49	19	23	3	4	128	145	45	13-12-1-0	6-11-2-4	8-1-1-0	W1
Edmonton	50	19	26	1	4	125	144	43	13-8-1-2	6-18-0-2	3-5-1-1	W1
Columbus	50	13	31	1	5	115	169	32	8-13-1-2	5-18-0-3	2-7-0-1	L5

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Last night's results
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Florida 4 Washington 2
N.Y. Rangers 1 Buffalo 0 (SO)
Dallas at Anaheim
Columbus at Los Angeles
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 3 Colorado 2
Vancouver 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Winnipeg 2 Philadelphia 1 (SO)
Boston 4 Ottawa 3
Buffalo 3 Montreal 1
Detroit 3 Calgary 1
Pittsburgh 5 Toronto 4 (SO)
Anaheim 4 Phoenix 1
Nashville 5 Minnesota 4
New Jersey 4 N.Y. Rangers 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 5 Carolina 2
San Jose 6 Columbus 0
Tampa Bay 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 1, PENGUINS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — MacArthur Tor (tripping) 3:37, Letang Pgh (boarding) 5:25.
Second Period —, No Scoring.
Penalty — Malkin Pgh (holding) 11:34.
Third Period
1. Toronto, MacArthur 16 (Grabovski, Kulemin) 13:55
Penalties — Grabovski Tor (tripping) 4:43, Letang Pgh (slashing) 8:38, Michalek Pgh (interference) 14:59.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	4	12	9	— 25
Toronto	8	9	7	— 24

Goal — Pittsburgh: Johnson (L,2-6-2); Toronto: Reimer (W,8-5-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-2; Toronto: 0-4.
Attendance — 19,542 (18,819) at Toronto.

LATE TUESDAY

CANUCKS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Kesler 14 (Edler) 7:58
2. Chicago, Mayers 4 (Montador, Seabrook) 11:11
Penalty — Ballard Vcr (clipping) 3:30.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
3. Chicago, Stalberg 15 (Kane, Toews) 1:17
4. Vancouver, Hodgson 14 (Hansen, Hamhuis) 4:08
Penalty — Burrows Vcr (boarding) 14:31.
Overtime
5. Vancouver, D.Sedin 22 (H.Sedin, Edler) 3:37
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Chicago	9	15	12	3—39
Vancouver	12	6	10	5—33

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,18-12-5); Vancouver: Schneider (W,11-5-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-0.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	27	32	59
Giroux, Pha	18	37	55
Stamkos, TB	33	21	54
Tavares, NYI	22	31	53
Ma.Hossa, Chi	20	33	53
Datsyuk, Det	14	39	53
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	42	53
D.Sedin, Vcr	22	30	52
Lupul, Tor	20	32	52
Toews, Chi	27	24	51
Kessel, Tor	26	25	51
Spezza, Ott	20	30	50
Neal, Pgh	27	21	48
Karlsson, Ott	8	40	48

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y YANKEES—Sent RHP Kevin Whelan outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE—Agreed to terms with INF Carlos Guillen on a minor league contract.
TORONTO—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Cordero on a one-year contract. Designated OF Darin Mastroianni for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH—Agreed to terms with RHP Juan Cruz on a minor league contract.
WASHINGTON—Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Durbin on a minor-league contract.

CFL
EDMONTON—Signed P/K Eric Wilbur. Released import K Damon Duval.
WINNIPEG—Re-signed QB Joey Elliott.

NFL
LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined N.Y. Giants DE Osi Umenyiora $20,000 for missing a mandatory Super Bowl media session Wednesday morning.
KANSAS CITY—Announced the retirement of offensive co-ordinator Bill Muir.
OAKLAND—Named Greg Knapp offensive co-ordinator.

NHL
LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Columbus F Jared Boll $2,500 for an illegal check to the head of San Jose F Joe Thornton in a Jan. 31 game. Fined New Jersey F Eric Boulton $2,500 for slashing N.Y. Rangers F Mike Rupp in a Jan. 31 game.
ANAHEIM—Recalled RW Kyle Palmieri from Syracuse (AHL).
BUFFALO—Recalled F Zack Kassian from Rochester (AHL).
CAROLINA—Recalled F Drayson Bowman from Charlotte (AHL).
FLORIDA—Recalled G Brian Foster from San Antonio (AHL).
MONTREAL—Recalled F Louis Leblanc from Hamilton (AHL).

MLS
COLORADO—Signed technical director Paul Bravo to a three-year contract extension.
LOS ANGELES—Signed F Edson Buddle.
PHILADELPHIA—Traded MF Kyle Nakazawa and a 2013 second-round draft pick to the LA Galaxy for an international roster spot.

NFL

SUPER BOWL
Sunday's game
At Indianapolis — All Times Eastern
New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.
RECENT SUPER BOWL RESULTS
2011—Green Bay 31 Pittsburgh 25
2010— New Orleans 31 Indianapolis 17
2009—Pittsburgh 27 Arizona 23
2008—N.Y. Giants 17 New England 14
2007— Indianapolis 29 Chicago 17

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester City	23	17	3	3	60	19	54
Manchester Utd	23	17	3	3	56	21	54
Tottenham	23	15	4	4	44	25	49
Chelsea	23	12	6	5	41	26	42
Newcastle	23	11	6	6	34	30	39
Liverpool	23	10	8	5	28	21	38
Arsenal	23	11	4	8	39	33	37
Sunderland	23	8	6	9	32	24	30
Stoke	23	8	6	9	23	35	30
Everton	23	8	5	10	23	26	29
Norwich	23	7	8	8	32	39	29
Aston Villa	23	6	10	7	28	31	28
Fulham	23	6	9	8	29	32	27
Swansea	23	6	9	8	24	28	27
West Bromwich	23	7	5	11	23	32	26
QPR	23	5	6	12	24	39	21
Bolton	23	6	2	15	28	47	20
Blackburn	23	4	6	13	33	47	18
Wolverhampton	23	4	6	13	25	43	18
Wigan	23	3	6	14	20	48	15

Yesterday's results
Aston Villa 2 Queens Park Rangers 2
Blackburn 0 Newcastle 2
Bolton 0 Arsenal 0
Fulham 1 West Bromwich Albion 1
Sunderland 3 Norwich 0

AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

FIRST ROUND
GROUP D
Yesterday's results
At Libreville, Gabon
Mali 2 Botswana 1
At Franceville, Gabon
Ghana 1 Guinea 1

FRANCE

LEAGUE CUP
SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's result
Marseille 2 Nice 1

ITALY

SERIE A
Yesterday's results
Cagliari 4 Roma 2
Inter Milan 4 Palermo 4
Lazio 2 AC Milan 0
Napoli 0 Cesena 0
Udinese 2 Lecce 1
Catania at Siena (ppd., snow)
Fiorentina at Bologna (ppd., snow)
Genoa at Atalanta (ppd., snow)

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
SEMIFINALS — FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Valencia 1 Barcelona 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	18	6	.750	—
d-Philadelphia	16	6	.727	1
d-Atlanta	16	6	.727	1
Miami	16	6	.727	1
Indiana	15	6	.714	1½
Orlando	13	9	.591	4
Boston	11	10	.524	5½
Milwaukee	10	11	.476	6½
Cleveland	8	12	.400	8
New York	8	13	.381	8½
New Jersey	8	15	.348	9½
Toronto	7	16	.304	10½
Washington	4	18	.182	13
Detroit	4	20	.167	14
Charlotte	3	20	.130	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	17	4	.810	—
d-L.A. Clippers	12	6	.667	3½
Denver	14	7	.667	3
d-Dallas	14	9	.609	4
Utah	12	7	.632	4
San Antonio	14	9	.609	4
L.A. Lakers	13	9	.591	4½
Portland	13	9	.591	4½
Houston	12	10	.545	5½
Memphis	11	10	.524	6
Minnesota	10	12	.455	7½
Phoenix	8	13	.381	9
Golden State	7	12	.368	9
Sacramento	6	15	.286	11
New Orleans	4	18	.182	13½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Boston 100 Toronto 64
Indiana 109 Minnesota 99
Milwaukee 105 Miami 97
New Jersey 99 Detroit 96
Oklahoma City 96 Dallas 86
Orlando 109 Washington at 103
Philadelphia 98 Chicago 82
Phoenix 120 New Orleans 103
Portland 112 Charlotte 68
San Antonio 99 Houston 91
L.A. Clippers at Utah
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 100 Toronto 77
Boston 93 Cleveland 90
Golden State 93 Sacramento 90
Indiana 106 New Jersey 99
L.A. Lakers 106 Charlotte 73
Memphis 100 Denver 97 (OT)
New York 113 Detroit 86
Tonight's games — All times Eastern
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NBL

Last night's results
Oshawa 106 Summerside 90
Saint John 90 Moncton 80
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Summerside at London, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Halifax at Quebec, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Oshawa at London, 2 p.m.

CELTICS 100, RAPTORS 64

TORONTO (64)
Jam.Johnson 3-11 0-1 7, Davis 4-6 2-4 10, Gray 4-6 0-3 8, Calderon 0-5 1-1 1, DeRozan 3-12 2-5 8, Butler 2-2 0-0 6, Bayless 5-12 2-2 14, A.Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Barbosa 2-9 0-0 4, Forbes 2-8 1-2 6, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-73 8-18 64.
BOSTON (100)
Pierce 5-11 3-4 17, Garnett 3-5 0-0 7, O'Neal 3-4 0-0 6, Bradley 5-6 1-1 11, Allen 5-9 0-0 12, Wilcox 0-2 0-0 0, Bass 4-8 4-4 12, Pietrus 2-7 0-0 6, Moore 3-8 1-1 8, Pavlovic 2-7 0-0 6, Stiemsma 1-2 0-0 2, Ja.Johnson 5-5 1-2 11, Daniels 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-75 10-12 100.

Toronto	16	19	14	15	—64
Boston	29	28	20	23	—100

3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-14 (Butler 2-2, Bayless 2-5, Jam.Johnson 1-2, Forbes 1-2, Barbosa 0-1, Calderon 0-2), Boston 12-24 (Pierce 4-6, Allen 2-3, Pavlovic 2-5, Pietrus 2-6, Garnett 1-1, Moore 1-3). Fouled Out—Jam.Johnson. Rebounds—Toronto 45 (Davis 12), Boston 51 (Bass 9). Assists—Toronto 16 (Calderon 7), Boston 30 (Pierce 8). Total Fouls—Toronto 19, Boston 20. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second, Boston defensive three second. A—18,624 (18,624) at Boston.

TENNIS

ATP OPEN SUD DE FRANCE
At Montpellier, France
Singles — Second Round
Gilles Simon (2), France, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (4), France, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Guillaume Rufin, France, def. Feliciano Lopez (5), Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 7-5.
Doubles — First Round
Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Philipp Marx, Germany, and **Adil Shamasdin (4), Pickering, Ont.**, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

NCAA BASKETBALL

AP MEN'S TOP 25
Last night's results
No. 6 Baylor 63 Texas A&M 60
No. 8 Kansas 84 Oklahoma 62
No. 11 Nevada-Las Vegas vs. Colorado State
No. 13 Creighton 102 Illinois State 74
No. 14 Georgetown 58 Connecticut 44
No. 17 San Diego State vs. Boise State
No. 21 Florida State 68 Georgia Tech 54
No. 23 Michigan 68 No. 20 Indiana 56
Tuesday's results
No. 1 Kentucky 69 Tennessee 44
No. 5 North Carolina 68 Wake Forest 53
Illinois 42 **No. 9** Michigan State 41
No. 15 Marquette 66 Seton Hall 59
No. 16 Virginia 65 Clemson 61
No. 19 Wisconsin 52 Penn State 46
Arkansas 82 **No. 25** Vanderbilt 74
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
No. 7 Duke at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.
No. 10 Murray St. vs. Southeast Missouri St., 8 p.m.
No. 12 Florida vs. South Carolina, 9 p.m.
No. 18 Saint Mary's (Calif.) vs. San Diego, 10 p.m.
No. 24 Gonzaga at Brigham Young, 11 p.m.

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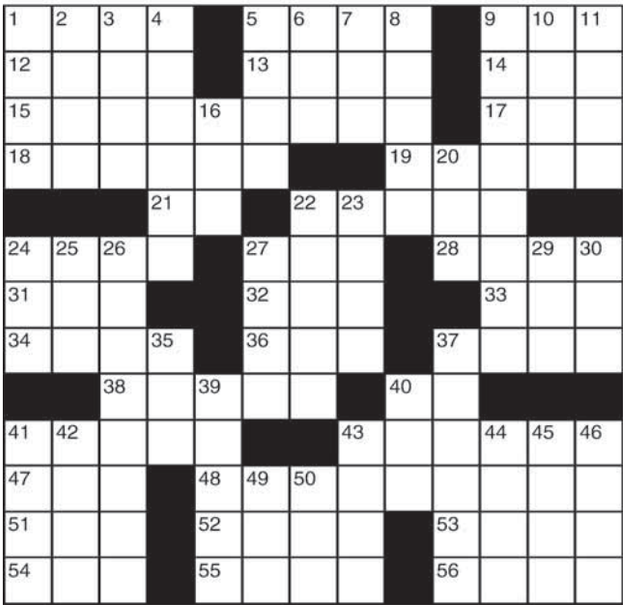

Across

1 Close
5 Sidewalk eatery
9 Eccentric
12 Volcanic outflow
13 "Caro nome" is one
14 Ultra-modernist
15 Comic's specialty
17 Right angle
18 Book after Job
19 iPhone function
21 Chance, for short
22 Hue
24 Presentation
27 Second person
28 Out of control
31 Charged bit
32 Pismire
33 Ram's mate
34 Profound
36 In medias —
37 Seaport of Yemen
38 Exciting
40 Commercial
41 Search for prey
43 Plant life treatises
47 Rowing need
48 Getting the jump on
51 USO audience
52 Trumpet
53 Chinese gang
54 Praise in verse
55 Dumbstruck
56 Remain

Down

1 Feed the hogs
2 — Christian Andersen
3 Eye layer
4 Candle fat
5 Trash containers
6 "All the Things You —"
7 Evergreen type
8 Supporter of the arts?
9 — bandit (slot machine)
10 Sandwich shop
11 Action figure, really
16 Mischievous kid
20 Kiwi's extinct cousin
22 — Island
23 Inning trio
24 Rocker Vicious
25 Weeding tool
26 Small town description
27 Play area
29 Have bills
30 Barbie's companion
35 Parishioner's seat
37 Takes as one's own
39 Island greeting
40 Matterhorn, for one
41 Comic strip possum
42 Incursion
43 Money supply
44 Laugh-a-minute
45 "— Karenina"
46 Like custard or quiche
49 Present
50 Before

▶ Yesterday's answer

P	U	P	A		S	A	W		A	R	A	M
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		H	A	I	R		N	I	L			
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R	O	D	S		I	C	E		K	Y	L	E
I	N	S	T		V	E	T		S	O	Y	A

Sudoku

	5		1		8		2	
	1	6	3		4	7	9	
6			2		3			5
		4	8		5	3		
5			9		1			7
	7	9	4		6	1	5	
	3		7		2		8	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	1	8	2	4	5	7	9	3
5	2	7	3	9	8	4	1	6
4	9	3	1	7	6	8	2	5
2	3	5	4	8	1	9	6	7
1	7	4	6	2	9	5	3	8
8	6	9	5	3	7	2	4	1
3	4	6	8	5	2	1	7	9
9	5	2	7	1	3	6	8	4
7	8	1	9	6	4	3	5	2

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Mushroommelt,
Your mushroomness brightens my day, and there isn't enough mushroom melts to make the world go round in my opinion! I miss bussing to school with you and head bobbing on the way home, change your school schedule so mushroom and tuna melts can rule the world again. P.S check your sugars. **TUNAMELT**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Max 3°	Max 8°	Max 6°

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
No matter how difficult a situation may be, you are smart enough to find a solution and apply it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Some of the things a loved one says may annoy you today but there is no point getting annoyed.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Wherever you've been held back in recent weeks is where you'll make progress over the next few days.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you make an effort to look beyond everyday issues, you will discover something that has the potential to transform your life.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The best way to deal with changing circumstances is to adapt yourself. Try moving with the times.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Someone will come to your aid today. Don't turn down his or her offer of assistance just because you don't want to look weak.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
The planets indicate it will be to your benefit to try to see yourself as others see you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Fate is about to give you an opportunity to prove yourself and if you are smart, you will take advantage.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't let people who don't know what they are talking about rub you up the wrong way.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You like to check and double check before making a move. Be true to your nature today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
With Neptune, planet of illusion, about to move into the main financial area of your chart, it's not the time to be taking risks with money.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Don't take too much for granted today. Stay alert if you want to stay on your feet. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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